

REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register: 22 June 2001
Name of applicant/court: Comptroller of Customs
Applicant to the Labelling Body: Not Applicable
Title of Publication: Housewives At Play Number 3
Other Known Titles: Housewives At Play #3
Director: Not Applicable
Producer: Not Applicable
Publisher: Eros Comix (Gary Groth & Kim Thompson)
Author: Rebecca
Format: Comic
Country of Origin: USA
Language: English

Components of film originally examined: Not Applicable.

Feature: Running time:
Trailers: Running time:
Total Running time:

Excision/Alteration: Not Applicable.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

Classification Decision:

Objectionable.

Display Conditions:

Not Applicable.

Descriptive Note:

Not Applicable.

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Direction to issue a label has been given on: Not Applicable

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The comic *Housewives At Play Number 3* is classified as:
Objectionable.

The publication is an adult comic published in the USA. Its content is largely made up of exaggerated and explicit depictions of sexual acts. The story shows force and coercion used to place a woman in an ambiguous situation where she has no choice but to submit to, and participate in, sexual conduct. The nature of the sexual conduct depicted degrades, dehumanises and demeans women to a high degree.

A classification of "objectionable" places a limit on the right to the freedom of expression as set out in s14 of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, in relation to this publication, the classification is considered to be a reasonable limit prescribed by law that can be demonstrably justified in a free and democratic society.

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